

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Following entry of the above amendments, Claims 37 and 60-71 are under consideration, with Claim 37 being in independent format.

Claims 35, 36, 38-59, 72, and 73 have been canceled from the application. It is urged that none of the amendments constitute new matter or raise new issues for consideration.

Claims 35, 36, 38-59, 72 and 73 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Murphy et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,658,851). Applicants do *not* acquiesce in the claim rejections. However, in order to expedite the allowance of the pending claims, Claims 35, 36, 38-59, 72, and 73 have been canceled. Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue claims directed to the subject matter of canceled claims 35, 36, 38-59, 72, and 73 in a related application.

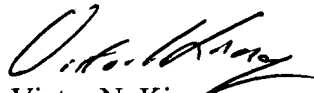
The Examiner states that Claims 37 and 60-71 are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that they have addressed all of Examiner's concerns. Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further concerns regarding the subject application, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at 206.382.1191.

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